

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as illustrated herein below.

1. (Original) A method for producing decorative grass having an appearance or texture simulating the appearance or texture of cloth, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a sheet or web of polymeric material having an upper surface and a lower surface wherein at least a portion of one of the upper and lower surfaces thereof is printed to provide the sheet or web of polymeric material with an appearance or texture simulating the appearance or texture of cloth on at least a portion of one surface thereof; and

cutting at least a portion of the sheet or web of polymeric material into segments to produce decorative grass having an appearance or texture simulating the appearance or texture of cloth on at least a portion of one surface thereof.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein, in the step of providing the sheet or web of polymeric material, the sheet or web of polymeric material has a thickness in a range of about 0.5 mil to about 10 mil.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein, in the step of providing the sheet or web of polymeric material, the appearance or texture simulating the appearance or texture of cloth is provided by printing at least a portion of one of the upper and lower surfaces of the sheet or web of polymeric material with a matted ink.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein, in the step of providing the sheet or web of polymeric material, the appearance or texture simulating the appearance or texture of cloth is provided by printing at least a portion of one of the upper and lower surfaces of the sheet or web of polymeric material with a foamable ink.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of cutting at least a portion of the sheet or web of polymeric material to form decorative grass comprises:

slitting the sheet or web of polymeric material to provide a slit polymeric material having a plurality of strips; and

cutting the plurality of strips of the slit polymeric material into segments to form decorative grass having an appearance simulating the appearance of cloth on at least a portion of one surface thereof.

6-11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) A method for producing decorative grass having an appearance or texture simulating the appearance or texture of cloth, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a sheet or web of polymeric material having an upper surface and a lower surface, the sheet or web of polymeric material having a lacquer disposed on at least a portion of one of the upper and lower surfaces of the sheet or web of polymeric material wherein the lacquer provides at least a portion of one of the upper and lower surfaces of the sheet or web of polymeric material with an appearance or texture simulating the appearance or texture of cloth; and

cutting at least a portion of the sheet or web of polymeric material into segments to produce decorative grass having an appearance or texture simulating the appearance or texture of cloth on at least a portion of one surface thereof.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein, in the step of providing a sheet or web of polymeric material, the sheet or web of polymeric material has a thickness in a range of about 0.5 mil to about 10 mil.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein, in the step of providing a sheet or web of polymeric material, the lacquer is a matting lacquer.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein, in the step of providing a sheet or web of polymeric material, the lacquer is a foamable lacquer.

16. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the step of cutting at least a portion of the sheet or web of polymeric material to form decorative grass comprises:

slitting the sheet or web of polymeric material to provide a slit polymeric material having a plurality of strips; and

cutting the plurality of strips of the slit polymeric material into segments to form decorative grass having an appearance simulating the appearance of cloth on at least a portion of one surface thereof.

17. (Original) A method for producing decorative grass having an appearance or texture simulating the appearance or texture of cloth, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a sheet or web of flexible, laminated material comprising:

a sheet or web of polymeric material having an upper surface and
a lower surface;

a sheet or web of material laminated to at least one of the upper
and lower surfaces of the sheet or web of polymeric material;
and
a lacquer disposed on at least a portion of one surface of one of the
sheet or web of polymeric material and the sheet or web of
material laminated thereto, wherein the lacquer provides at
least a portion of one surface of the sheet or web of flexible,
laminated material with an appearance or texture simulating
the appearance or texture of cloth; and
cutting at least a portion of the sheet or web of flexible, laminated
material into segments to produce decorative grass having an
appearance or texture simulating the appearance or texture of
cloth on at least a portion of one surface thereof.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein, in the step of providing a
sheet of flexible, laminated material, the sheet or web of polymeric material has
a thickness in a range of about 0.5 mil to about 10 mil, and the sheet or web
of material laminated thereto has a thickness in a range of about 0.5 mil to
about 10 mil.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein, in the step of providing a sheet of flexible, laminated material, the sheet or web of material laminated to the sheet or web of polymeric material is selected from the group consisting of polymeric film, paper, metallized foil and combinations or laminates thereof.

20. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein, in the step of providing a sheet of flexible, laminated material, the lacquer is a matting lacquer.

21. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the step of cutting at least a portion of the sheet of flexible, laminated material to form decorative grass comprises:

slitting the sheet of flexible, laminated material to provide a slit laminated material having a plurality of strips; and

cutting the plurality of strips of the slit laminated material into segments to form decorative grass having an appearance simulating the appearance of cloth on at least a portion of one surface thereof.

22. (Original) A method for producing decorative grass having an appearance or texture simulating the appearance or texture of cloth, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a sheet or web of polymeric material having an upper surface, a lower surface, a printed pattern on at least a portion of one of the upper and lower surfaces thereof and an embossed pattern on at least a portion of one of the upper and lower surfaces thereof, wherein the printed pattern and embossed pattern cooperate to provide the sheet or web of polymeric material with an appearance or texture simulating the appearance or texture of cloth on at least a portion of one surface thereof; and

cutting at least a portion of the sheet or web of polymeric material into segments to produce decorative grass having an appearance or texture simulating the appearance or texture of cloth on at least a portion of one surface thereof.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein, in the step of providing a sheet or web of polymeric material, the sheet or web of polymeric material has a thickness in a range of about 0.5 mil to about 10 mil and is selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, polyethylene and expanded core polymeric film.

24. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein, in the step of providing a sheet or web of polymeric material, the printed pattern and the embossed pattern are in register with one another.

25. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein, in the step of providing a sheet or web of polymeric material, the printed pattern and the embossed pattern are out of register with one another.

26. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein, in the step of providing a sheet or web of polymeric material, at least a portion of the printed pattern is in register with a portion of the embossed pattern, and at least a portion of the printed pattern is out of register with a portion of the embossed pattern.

27. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein, in the step of providing a sheet or web of polymeric material, the printed pattern is provided by printing at least a portion of one of the upper and lower surfaces of the sheet or web of polymeric material with a matted ink.

28. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein, in the step of providing a sheet or web of polymeric material, the printed pattern is provided by printing

at least a portion of one of the upper and lower surfaces of the sheet or web of polymeric material with a foamable ink.

29. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein the step of cutting at least a portion of the sheet or web of polymeric material to form decorative grass comprises:

- slitting the sheet or web of polymeric material to provide a slit polymeric material having a plurality of strips; and
- cutting the plurality of strips of the slit polymeric material into segments to form decorative grass having an appearance simulating the appearance of cloth on at least a portion of one surface thereof.

30. (Original) A method for producing decorative grass having an appearance or texture simulating the appearance or texture of cloth, the method comprising the steps of:

- providing a sheet or web of polymeric material having an upper surface and a lower surface wherein at least a portion of one of the upper and lower surfaces thereof is modified to provide the sheet or web of polymeric material with an appearance or texture simulating the appearance or texture of cloth on at least a portion of one surface thereof; and

cutting at least a portion of the sheet or web of polymeric material into segments to produce decorative grass having an appearance or texture simulating the appearance or texture of cloth on at least a portion of one surface thereof.

31. (Original) The method of claim 30 wherein, in the step of providing the sheet or web of polymeric material, the sheet or web of polymeric material has a thickness in a range of about 0.5 mil to about 10 mil.

32. (Original) The method of claim 30 wherein the step of cutting at least a portion of the sheet or web of polymeric material to form decorative grass comprises:

slitting the sheet or web of polymeric material to provide a slit polymeric material having a plurality of strips; and

cutting the plurality of strips of the slit polymeric material into segments to form decorative grass having an appearance simulating the appearance of cloth on at least a portion of one surface thereof.